है और दोनों देशों के बीच किन-किन वस्तुओं का व्यापार किया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा की गई पहल का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) भारत-श्रीलंका संयुक्त आयोग की जनवरी, 1992 को नई दिल्ली में हुई पहली बैठक में दोनों देशों के बीच कृषि, लघु उद्योग तथा तेल के अन्वेषण में संयुक्त उद्यमों के लिए कार्य क्षेत्र का पता लगाने के अतिरिक्त, द्विपक्षीय व्यापार तथा वाणिज्यिक आदान-प्रदान बढ़ाने पर बल दिया गया था।

Export target of rice

3364. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for the export of rice-during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof:

(c) whether this target is likely to be achieved;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to meet the target? THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) In value terms, target fixed for export of rice for the current year is Rs. 700 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Queustion does not arise.

(e) Government has already taken various promotional measures, removed constrains, and simplified procedures for exports.

Procurement of Iron-Ore from Orissa mines for export

3365. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total quantum of iron ore procured annually for export purposes from Barajamda, Banspani and Gandhamardhan sector in Orissa;

(b) what are the details thereof during the last 'three years- year-wise;

(c) whether there has been a sharp decline in the procurement of iron ore;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken to increase the procurement of iron ore and export from these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The total quantum of iron ore procured annually for export purposes from Barajamda, Banspani, Gandhamardhan and Daitari sectors during the last three years is given below:

Qty. Lakh Tonnes

Year	Barajamda Sector (Bihar)	Banspani Sector	Gandhamardhan Sector including OMC (Orissa)	Daitari (OMC)	Total
1988-89	0.89	7.86	1.69	0.81	11.25
1989-90	1.65	10.80	1.48	1.12	15.05
1990-91	2.22	15.28	1.59	1.97	21.06

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) MMTC has been attempting to maximise the output of iron ore from these sectors by offering incentives to promote scientific and systematic development of mines.

Export of Plastic

3366. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will be able to export plastic to other countries in view of its bulk production in the country during the year 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the total quantity of plastic to be exported together with the names of the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) At present no export of plastice (Polymers) from India is taking place becuase of law production and increased domestic demand. It is anticipated that due to increase in domestic production of plastic raw material during 1992-93, the dependability of the manufacturer-exporter of plastic based finished products on improted material will decrease and there may be nominal exports of raw plastic from the Country. However, exports of finsihed plastic products are expected to go up substantially during the year 1992-93.

(b) Export of plastic during 1992-93 will depend upon various factors such as cost of production, availability of inputs, prices of finished products in the international market and the gap in indigenous demand and supply. In view of this, and prediction regarding value or volume of export of plastic during the year 1992-93 would be premature. Major markets for plastic are Middle East, Africa, West Europe, Russian Federation, USA and Canada.

India's trade protocol with RPA countries

3367. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of rupees payment area countries with whom India is having export-import trade protocol or bater system;

(b) what are the details of items India could import from and export to such countries, country-wise and balance of payment status; and

(c) whether import from such countries as referred above are envisaged under OGL or otherwise, norms and conditions laid down for such improts and formalities stipulated and preference of items earmarked for such improts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Protocols and Agreements providing for trade in non-convertible Indian Rupees are in force with Czechoslovakia, Romania, Uzbekistan and Russia. In case of Czechoslovakia and Romania the trade, at present is in India's favour the list of item for export to these countries include agricualtural products, minerals and ores, chemicals and allied products, leather and leather manufactures, engineering goods etc., and those of import include machinery equipment, fetilizers, crude oil and petroleum products, non-ferrous metals etc.

(c) Imports from these countries are governed by the provisions of the Import and Export policy as amended from time to time. No special preferences exist for imports from these areas.

Representations from deemed exporters claiming CCS.

3368. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2644 and 2636 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any representation recently from any of the deemed exporters who have a cliam of more than Rs. 10 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken on these representations.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Representations from M/s. P.J. Pipes &* Vessels Ltd. and M/s. BHEL for payment of CCS, supplementary cash assistance in lieu of duty draw back and refund of central excise duty have been received amounting to Rs. 19.82 crores and Rs. 74.78 crores respectively. Their claims are being processed and paid by port licensing offices. Port licensing offices have been asked to clear the dues starting with CCS against physical exports and deemed exports.